

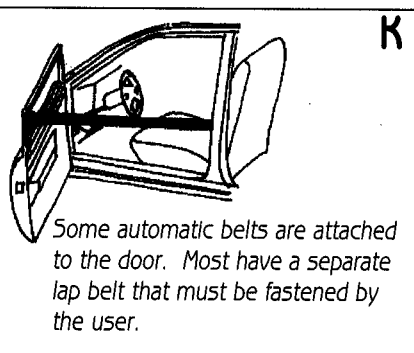
How to Install a Locking Clip on a Lap/Shoulder Belt With a Free-Sliding Latchplate

If the lap/shoulder belt (**H**) does not have a switchable feature to lock it around a child safety seat, you should use a metal "locking clip" (**J**) to keep it tight. You will find this clip attached to the side or back of most new safety seats. If you do not have a locking clip, you can buy one from a safety seat manufacturer or from Ford, Nissan, or Toyota dealers. Here is how to install the clip (**J**).

1. Put the belt through the correct path on the safety seat and buckle it.
2. Push down on the safety seat. Pull up on the shoulder end of the belt until the lap belt is pulled tight.
3. Hold the two parts of the belt together at the latchplate and unbuckle it.
4. Thread the belt through the locking clip as shown, close to the latchplate.
5. Buckle the belt again. If you put the clip on right, the belt will now stay tight around the safety seat.
6. Remove the locking clip when the belt is not holding a safety seat.

The regular locking clip that comes with most child safety seats must be used in this way only.

3 Kinds of Automatic Belts:



Belts That Do Not Lock

Belts with emergency locking retractors in the lap part of the belt stay loose. These belts do not have switchable retractors (see page 2) and need a special belt-shortening clip (heavy-duty locking clip) to shorten the lap belt (see page 4). Such belts are:

- Lap belts in front seats of many cars that have automatic shoulder belts;
- Lap belts in rear seats of some older cars;
- Often on belts with lap and shoulder belts sewn onto the latchplate (**P**, see page 4). These latchplates may be found in front or rear seats.

Automatic Safety Belts

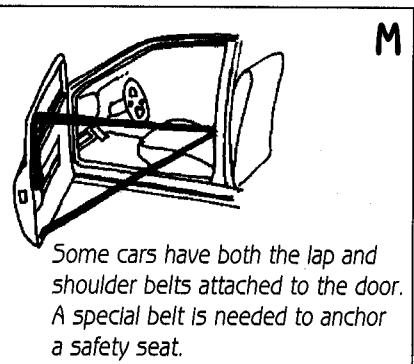
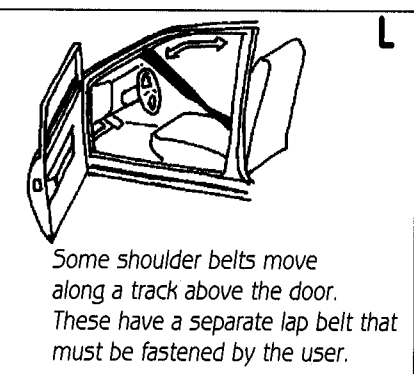
Some automatic shoulder belts are attached to the door and wrap around you when you close the door (**K**). Others have a motor which moves them along a track above the door (**L**) when you turn on the vehicle. The best way to avoid problems with these belts is to buckle up children in the back seat.

Most automatic shoulder belts have separate lap belts. Some of these lap belts lock, but many do not. Some are "switchable" (see page 2). Some vehicles (Cougar, Thunderbird, 1989-93; some Nissans) offer a separate "child seat buckle" to use with the front seat lap belt to hold a safety seat.

Where **both** the lap and shoulder belts are attached to the door (**M**, as in many GM and some Nissan and Honda cars, they should **not** be used to secure a child safety seat. To anchor a child safety seat, it is necessary for your car dealer to install a special "attaching belt."

Contoured Bucket Seats and Child Safety Seats

Some vehicle seats have hollows and humps that prevent the safety seat from resting flat on the cushion. Use another position if possible, or find a safety seat with a base that fits better in your car.



Always check your vehicle owner's book for belt information.